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Community Environmental Advisory Commission
City of Berkeley
2118 Milvia St
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Commission Members:

Berkeley Lab would like to comment on plans for the City of Berkeley community workshop to be held with IFEU.

The Lab recommends that the City of Berkeley sponsor a workshop in the form of a panel discussion about the IFEU Draft Final Report. The panel should be composed of Bernd Franke and a group of his technical peers from various disciplines. These could include health physicists, public health professionals in risk assessment and epidemiology, fire safety experts, radiation specialists and medical experts.

The benefits to be gained by the entire community would be significant: The full spectrum of the Berkeley community is interested in seeking information and education on the important issues regarding public health and risks associated with tritium and other radionuclides at Berkeley Lab. No single group of concerned citizens or experts can represent the full spectrum of the community.

The Berkeley Lab has held community meetings (Environmental Sampling Task Force) for a year in order to describe proposed tritium sampling activities in the Lab's Draft Tritium Sampling and Analysis Plan and to get community input. The Lab has also provided extensive information to Bernd Franke in response to his requests, and he has assisted the City of Berkeley by commenting on the Lab's Draft Tritium Sampling and Analysis Plan. It is now important for the workshop panel to address the issues the IFEU Draft Report raises regarding the Plan. Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions. If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-486-5551.

Sincerely,

David McGraw, Director
Environment, Health & Safety and
Office of Community Relations

cc: Mayor
Members, City Council